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The information enclosed with this information disclosure statement was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three (3) months prior to the filing of this Statement. Specifically, a Japanese Office Action dated April 12, 2005, was issued in counterpart Japanese patent application number 11-079287. A copy of the Japanese Office Action and its partial English translation are also provided.

Japanese patent document number 8-179202 generally corresponds to U.S. Patent No. 6,115,175.

Japanese patent document number 10-341054 generally corresponds to U.S. Patent No. 6,088,379.

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	US-6,115,175	09/05/2002	Maruyama et al.	359	355	
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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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10-341054	12/22/1998	Japan			Abstract
5-315225	11/26/1993	Japan			Yes
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8-179202	07/12/1996	Japan			Abstract

OTHER DOCUMENT(S) (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

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